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1. IN MEETING WITH MINSTATE FOR FONAFF LYL
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IBRAHIM
MAY 22, CHARGE OUTLINED POINTS REFTEL, EMPHASIZING IMPORTANCE
TO U.S. THAT CACR BE ADOPTED THIS YEAR. IBRAHIM SAID GOJ
INTERESTED IN DOING AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE TO MAKE U.S. RE-ENTRY
INTO ILO POSSIBLE AND UNDERTOOK TO FORWARD OUR AIDE MEMOIRE
(DRAWN FROM REFTEL) WITH APPROPRIATE INSTRUCTIONS TO GOJ
MISSION IN GENEVA.

2. IN SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION MAY 28 WITH MINLABOR AJLUNI
(WHO IS HEAD OF GOJ DELEGATION TO ILO CONFERENCE), POLOFFS
BRIEFLY PRESENTED USG VIEWS ON ILO CONFERENCE ACTIONS AND
LEFT COPY OF AIDE MEMOIRE. AJLUNI EXPRESSED HIS HOPE ALSO
THAT U.S. WOULD BE ABLE TO REJOIN ORGANIZATION. ASKED HOW
HE THOUGHT ARAB DELEGATIONS WOULD RECEIVE SPECIAL MISSION
REPORT ON INVESTIGATION ALLEGED VIOLATIONS ON WEST BANK,
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AJLUNI SAID HE ANTICIPATED NO TROUBLE AT ALL
ON THAT SCORE. WHAT DID WORRY HIM SOMEWHAT, THOUGH,
WAS SPECIAL PRE-CONFERENCE COORDINATION MEETING OF
ARAB LABOR MINISTERS SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 3-6 IN GENEVA.
IN OBLIQUE REFERENCE OO EGYPTIAN-SYRIAN PROBLEMS,
AJLUNI COMMENTED THAT THIS MEETING WOULD BE
DIFFICULT THIS YEAR, BUT SAID HE DOUBTED CONFERENCE

ITSELF WOULD GET INVOLVED IN ADOPTION OF POLITICALLY
INSPIRED RESOLUTIONS.

3. COMMENT: AS IN PAST, GOJ WILLING TO DO WHATEVER IT
CAN TO BRING ITS ARAB COLLEAGUES AROUND TO USG VIEWS
AND POSITIONS ON ILO. GOJ IS JUST BEGINNING TO ASSERT
ITSELF IN INTERNATIONAL FORA SUCH AS THIS; IT CONTINUES
TO BE EXTREMELY UNWILLING TO TAKE AN UNPOPULAR POSITION
VIS-A-VIS ITS ARAB COUNTERPARTS. ALTHOUGH WE ARE UNABLE
TO JUDGE HOW SYRIAN-EGYPTIAN RIFT WILL AFFECT CONFERENCE
MANEUVERINGS, JORDANIANS MAY TREAD EVEN MORE LIGHTLY THAN
USUAL THIS YEAR ON THE ISSUES AT HAND TO AVOID APPEARANCE
OF TAKING SIDES WITH ONE OR THE OTHER OF HER FELLOW
CONFRONTATION STATES.
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